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SUBJ: REACTION TO US VOTE IN FAVOR OF RECONSIDERATION OF
CYPRUS ISSUE IN PLENARY

1. WHILE TURKS HAVE PURRED WITH SATISFACTION OVER OUR VOTE YESTERDAY TO RECONSIDER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S CYPRUS DECISION -- AND WE HOPE SOMETHING NOURISHING IN THE WAY OF TANGIBLE CONCESSION WILL FLOW FROM THIS TURKISH DELIGHT -- REACTION TO OUR VOTE HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY ADVERSE, PREDICTABLY SO IN OUR OPINION, IN ALL OTHER QUARTERS.

2. EC-9 REACTED WITH SHOCK AND DISMAY IN FEAR OUR CHANGE OF POSITION WOULD HARM GENERAL WESTERN POSTURE OPPOSED TO HEARING PLO, AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND OTHERS IN PLENARY. (HERE SUBSTANCE INVARIABLY BECOMES CONFUSED WITH PROCEDURE. TO THE MEMBERSHIP OUR VOTE CREATED ITS OWN IMAGE, AND IT IS UNAVILING TO EXPLAIN, AS WE DID, THAT WE WOULD HAVE VOTED THE OTHER WAY ON SUBSTANCE, HAD SUBSTANCE COME TO A VOTE.) EC-9 WAS ALSO MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO BRING FRENCH OFF A NO (PRO-GREEK) VOTE IN ORDER TO HAVE A UNITED ABSTENTION. DUTCH FRENCH STRESSED TO US OF DAMAGE THEY SAW TO PRINCIPLE AGAINST NON-MEMBERS SPEAKING IN PLEAURY. ISRAELIS ALSO WEIGHED IN WITH A QUERY WITH VIEW TO THEIR OWN SPECIAL
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CONCERNS ON THIS SAME PROBLEM. EGYPTIANS AND AUSTRIANS

COULD NOT FATHOM RATIONALE BEHIND OUR VOTING. OUR EXPLANATION OF VOTE THAT THERE SHOULD BE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL DISCUSSION WHENEVER A MEMBER WISHES IT WAS NOT CONVINCING, SINCE MOST DELEGATIONS BELIEVE TURKISH POSITION HAD ALREADY BEEN FULLY HEARD AND DISPOSED OF IN BOTH GENEAL COMMITTEE AND CONFIRMING PLENARY.

3. UN LEGAL ADVISER SUY AND OTHER DELEGATIONS SUCH AS COSTA RICA AND ARGENTINA REACTED WITH PERPLEXITY TO OUR VOTE AND EXPLANATION. SUY FORESAW PROBLEMS RAISED FOR FUTURE EFFORTS TO BAR NON-MEMBERS FROM SPEAKING IN PLENARY. BRITISH DECISION ON VOTING WAS ALWAYS BETWEEN ABSTENTION AND NO; THEY WENT ALONG WITH EC-9 ON ABSTENTION. BRITISH OBSERVED WRYLY WE MUST HAVE DECIDE THAT, SINCE PEOPLE WE DON'T LIKE GET TO SPEAK IN PLENARY, WE MIGHT AS WELL SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF SOME OF OUR NON-ELIGIBLE FRIENDS TO SPEAK IN PLENARY.

4. PERHAPS THE MOST PERSUASIVE POSITION WAS THAT OF FRG WHO, IN CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH PERM REP, EXPLAINED THEIR POSITION BY SAYING THAT IN GERMAN VIEW, WHEN TWO ALLIES FALL OUT, BEST COURSE IS TO ABSTAIN BETWEEN THEM. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND FRG POSITION FOR NEXT TIME. SCRANTON

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